

Announcement of the FY 2005 Advanced Reactor, Fuel Cycle, and Energy Products Workshop for Universities

The Department of Energy (DOE)'s Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology will hold a workshop for universities on June 16 and 17, 2005, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Rockville, MD. The workshop will provide U.S. universities the opportunity to become familiar with the research and development (R&D) requirements of the various programs of the Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology.

Program plans and schedules including R&D requirements for the Generation IV Nuclear Energy Systems Initiative (Generation IV), the Advanced Fuel Cycle Initiative (AFCI), and the Nuclear Hydrogen Initiative (NHI) programs will be presented by DOE and laboratory program leads. Ample opportunity will be provided for questions and constructive dialogue on these research needs. The workshop will feature breakout sessions in fourteen research areas of the programs. All breakout sessions will be repeated the second day to allow individuals to attend more topics. The preliminary agenda for the workshop is attached.

Following the workshop, a solicitation is expected to be issued in June 2005. The solicitation, which will be open to all U.S. universities, will provide an opportunity for universities to participate in these research initiatives. Limited collaboration with national laboratory and industry partners is allowed. The university research projects are expected to be for one to three years. Applications in response to the solicitation will be due in August 2005 with awards selection scheduled for November 2005. FY 2006 funding for this solicitation will be from the budgets of the Generation IV, AFCI, and NHI programs and could total as much as \$4 million.

Workshop Attendance: A pre-registration site has been set up for the workshop at the following web address: <http://www.energetics.com/univworkshopjune05.html>. Attendees should pre-register for the workshop by **May 15, 2005** to assist DOE in planning for seating and other arrangements. In addition, pre-registration will facilitate the gathering of contact information on the attendees for dissemination of future program-related information. If you have any questions regarding the pre-registration process, please contact MaryLee Blackwood or Katie Pluebell at (410) 290-0370.

Information: For more information regarding the workshop and R&D programs, please visit <http://neri.inl.gov>. For any additional questions, please contact Suibel Schuppner (301-903-1652) or Andrew Griffith (301-903-7120), or send an e-mail to NERI@nuclear.energy.gov.